

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 22-28 remain in the application and stand allowed.

Claims 35, 36 and 37 are newly presented.

Joinder of Claims

5 Claims 1-20 were subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-5 were elected for prosecution in the present application.

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 22-28 now stand allowed.

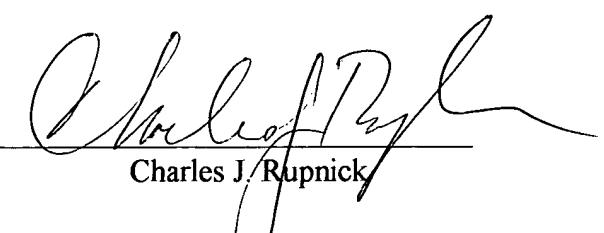
10 Claims 6-8 were previously withdrawn as being dependent upon a non-allowed linking claim 4. The Applicant believes that rejoinder of claims 6-8 is proper because claim 4 is now allowed. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests joinder of newly presented claims 35-37 which are exact duplicates of withdrawn claims 6-8, respectively.

The claims now being in form for allowance, reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

15 If the Examiner has questions or wishes to discuss any aspect of the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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